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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PROF. MINAS SAVVAS

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 22, 1974,
ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR FROM PROFESSOR MINAS SAVVAS, SCHOOL
OF LITERATURE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA 92115, TRANSMITTED TO YOU FOR ACTION:
QUOTE

I WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM ME, AT LEAST,
OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF A BRAZILIAN POLITICAL PRISONER BY THE
NAME PAULO S. WRIGHT. I HAVE FOLLOWED HIS CASE CLOSELY,
AND SOME REPORTS ALLEGE THAT HE IS DEAD, OTHERS THAT HE IS
ALIVE BUT HIS LOCATION UNKNOWN...

MR. WRIGHT IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, THOUGH ALSO A
BRAZILIAN, THE SON OF PRESBYTARIAN (SIC) MISSIONARIES, AND
HIS 'CRIME', AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS ONE OF BELIEF; AT
LEAST HE HAS COMMITTED NO VIOLENT CRIME. SUCH FACTS WOULD
MAKE HIS PLIGHT UNDERSERVED AND, I FEEL, YOUR INTEREST
IN THE CASE PROPER.

ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY GATHER ON PAULO WRIGHT
WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED. I ASK YOU THIS AS A MAN WHO
BELIEVES IN THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND IN THE HUMANE
TREATMENT OF MAN TOWARDS MAN. UNQUOTE.
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